# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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PROGRAMME TO INCREASE EYE DONORS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to further expand the programme through extensive media publicity, to increase the number of eye donors in our country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Government of India has taken following measures to promote eye donation & utilization of donated eyes in the country:

1. Organizing National Fortnight on eye donation from 25th August to 8th September every year.

2. Enhance mass awareness through messages on television, radio, press and printed materials.

3. Training hospital staff on grief counseling for motivating relatives of terminally ill patients for eye donation.

4. Provide financial assistance to eye banks in Government and voluntary sectors.

5. Organize training of eye surgeons in corneal transplantation to restore vision of corneal blind persons.